

Approved 6/23/20
MINUTES
Public Safety and Justice Committee
May 26, 2020
@ 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Rosenbohm – Chairman; Rob Reneau – Vice-Chairman; Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Linda Daley, Brian Elsasser, Kate Pastucha, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Larry Evans - State's Attorney's Office; Randy Brunner – Chief Financial Officer/Sheriff's Office; Gretchen Pearsall – Director of Strategic Communications; David Tuttle – ETSB; Becky Spencer – PCAPS; Jason Marks – EMA; Monica Hendrickson – Health Department; Nathan Bach, Kristen Collins – Public Defender; Brian Brown – Juvenile Detention Center; Rena' Parker, Jennifer Shadid – Courts Administration; Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa, James Middlemas – Sheriff's Office; Jessica Thomas – Auditor; Nicole Bjerke – Treasurer; Mark Little – Chief Information Officer

Call to Order

Chairman Rosenbohm called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

A motion to suspend the Rules was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020 was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion carried unanimously (10-0).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- **PCAPS Monthly Department Report**

Ms. Spencer advised that animal intake and field activities have both decreased in the past month. She stated that staff has made every attempt to keep the animal population in the shelter down.

- **ETSB**

Mr. Tuttle advised that bids have been let for construction upgrades on two 911 Centers located in Peoria and Bartonville, and are due June 18, 2020. He advised that the ETSB has coordinated with the State of Illinois to receive a \$1.2 million state funding grant which will fund a large portion of the upgrades.

- **Emergency Management Agency**

Mr. Marks advised that efforts have focused on managing and overseeing the Emergency Operations Center as related to the COVID-19 response.

Mr. Marks discussed straight line wind damage to the Peoria County Highway North Facility with the Weather Service. He advised that staff is working with the ECC and the ETSB to ensure coverage for significant or severe weather events.

Mr. Marks advised that daily Situational Reports are submitted to IEMA on COVID-19 and on the recent spring flooding.

Mr. Marks advised that discussions will take place with IEMA on termination of remaining activities related to the Complex Coordinated Terrorism Attack Grant.

- **Public Defender Report**

Mr. Rieker asked if the office has the resources to properly support current needs related to the impact of COVID-19 on the delay in court proceedings. Mr. Bach stated that the office is adequately staffed to address current needs, and added that although an increased caseload will be seen in the future when delayed cases begin coming back into the system, he is optimistic that staff can properly manage the increase.

Resolutions

- **Sheriff's Office COVID-19 Relief Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Salzer. Mr. Brunner advised that the grant is funded through the Department of Justice via the CARES Act. He stated that the Sheriff's Office was allocated \$58,008.00 to prepare, prevent and respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0).

- **FY 2020 IDOT STEP (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program) Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Dr. Blair. Mr. Brunner advised that the Sheriff's Office has received funding through IDOT for the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant, which provides payment for officer overtime. He stated that the amount awarded for FY 2019 was \$24,228.00 was budgeted for FY2020. He remarked that the amount awarded for FY 2020 has been substantially increased to \$65,100.00 and staff requests an appropriation in the amount of \$41,000.00 to account for the additional revenue and related expenses under the grant award. The motion to approve carried unanimously (10-0).

- **Animal Control Contracts**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Elsasser and seconded by Dr. Blair. Ms. Spencer advised that staff seeks approval to enter into proposed animal control agreements with 15 municipalities for a 5-year period with increases in years 2, 3, and 4, and a freeze in year 5.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to direct Ms. Spencer to negotiate the proposed rates with each municipality prior to presenting the final contracts to the committee and the full county board as a resolution for approval.

The original motion was rescinded by Mr. Elsasser and Ms. Williams.

Miscellaneous

Sheriff Asbell addressed the increase in violent crimes over the past several weeks, stating that the Sheriff's Office has been providing operations assistance to the Peoria Police Department. He advised that the jail population continues to be low, with a current population of 209, although increases are anticipated with the warmer weather.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rosenbohm at 2:32 p.m.

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